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## The Ransomed of the Lord Shall Return, and Come to Zion

### THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION

We Are to Regain Through The Second Adam All We Lost in The First

T. S. Payne

"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:14.

We now come with the most important subject connected with the gospel plan of salvation. All people of this age, even the infidel, can plainly see that this wicked and adulterous generation is in need of something that will meet the crying needs of this dying race of people. If we only state the fact of the creation and fall of man it will be a good foundation upon which to begin the story of God's plan of redemption.

This is clearly given in only two chapters of the Bible. While it takes all the rest of that good Book to tell of the unfolding of redemption's holy plan, with a description of the final results. The Bible is such a sweet blessed love story, of which Jesus is the precious hero. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

All the promises that God has ever made to the people of earth center in the spotless lamb of God. In Him is the only hope of the poor lost sinner for "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up. That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

Just to hold up Jesus as the ideal man and invite men to pattern after Him does not seem enough, for with all this effort comes the realization of the need of divine grace to help. It is not our effort to imitate the life of our Savior that brings results but it is faith in His shed blood that saves our souls from hell. Just to mention Him as the Son of God with all power in heaven and earth will not do but it is the efficacy of the blood of the Son of God that brings salvation.

Terrible death and eternal damnation was hanging over our heads and the darkness of eternity's night was about to settle down upon us but Jesus came to be our substitute and to die in our stead.

The decree has gone forth, "the soul that sinneth, it shall die." The draft has fallen upon all, in that all have sinned, but we can go back to God's Holy Word and show that Jesus has died in our place, and if we will only plead the merits of His death we ourselves may be exempt from the penalty of sin.

God's original plan may have been for man to serve out a period of probation and then be united to Himself, but if that were the case, man miserably failed in the effort and has brought the just penalty of death upon himself. It was after this that God designed man's redemption and His Son Jesus became the voluntary and willing recipient of sin's awful penalty and by His death on the old rugged cross, satisfied the demands of a broken law so that God can still be just and at the same time the justifier of all them who believe on Him through His Son Jesus Christ.

Let us drift back for a little season to the dawn of Creation's week and behold the great handiwork of the great God of the universe as He moulds the myriads of dazzling suns, revolving planets and creates all the life both animal and vegetable upon all the face of the earth. After He had completed all this, there was still a longing in His great heart that none of His creatures could satisfy.

In the wonderful council chambers of the great Godhead comes the final suggestion of the week of creation (Five days had passed and they were entering into the sixth) God said, "Let us make man." But where were they to find a pattern?

God always works from the lesser to the greater and this, His last work of creation, must be the greatest example of His wonderful creative genius.

They did not make him like the animals of earth, neither like the sun, moon nor stars, nor even like the most beautiful archangel but they made him in their own image and after their own likeness. With some of the dust of the earth God fashioned him and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul.

As man stepped out of the gentle hand of His Master, pure and holy, just like God wanted him—God beheld all He had made and behold, it was very good. The loving heart of God was then satisfied, the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy. It is needless to say that man is destined to greater eternal possibilities than any other of God's creation and he can sink deeper into hell than devils and rise higher in heaven than angels.

After man and woman had been joined together and were seated beneath Eden's beautiful

bower God came in person and talked with His children and the created host of heaven, no doubt, wanted to be often in the company of this happy pair.

This sweet pleasant state did not long continue. Old Satan, who had long since been cast down for his rebellion against the government of God, suddenly appears on the scene and it is but a short time until he accomplishes his purpose and sin is conceived in the hearts of the first pair and they were driven out from the presence of God in shame and disgrace.

Look at him as he turns from that beautiful home where through his own disobedience to God's holy law he lost his happy innocence and had so marred the image of Him who had created him that he became a wanderer upon the face of the earth, separated from the sacred communion of his blessed maker and only waited for his body to crumble back to the dust from whence it came.

No doubt that all hell held a jubilee and sent out the news that all of God's plans had been thwarted and that man would soon be so under the influence of Satan that the whole earth would be a part of the dominion of hell.

At the fall of man heaven was draped in mourning and we can almost get a glimpse of the angels as they wept over the blasted prospects of the once glorious prospects of man.

What was now to be done? Would God wipe out the memory of him who was created in His own image or would He make an effort to redeem him from his terrible fall?

Man could only be redeemed at infinite cost to God. Disobedience could not be ignored. God said, "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." And man had eaten, he must die or if he should be redeemed his substitute must die to liquidate the awful debt.

In all the grand dominion of heaven, in the whole earth, or under it there was found no one who was able or worthy to undertake the terrible task. From the bosom of the Father came His only begotten Son. Behold Him as lays His royal robe aside and strips Himself of His heavenly glory and humbles Himself and is made of no reputation, being counted a little lower than the angels. Thus, He volunteered to come to this wicked earth to die for the salvation of a fallen race.

At this time the angels were prostrated in wonder but they sang, "Thou art worthy." Soon the news was wafted to earth and the sinking spirits of hiding culprits were checked by the promise of the coming Redeemer.

When the mother of all living saw her first born, we have reason to believe that she thought He was the Christ. As time went on and sin began to work its awful ravages men forgot God and when He looked

down upon them in their wickedness, it repented Him that He had made them and with every chance that God has given man, man has recorded himself a failure. After the flood man's record was hardly any better than what it was before, but in the midst of every wicked generation could be found some whose hope in a coming Savior had not been surrendered.

But while the faithful ones looked up into heaven, sighing by reason of their heavy burdens and crying out for deliverance no answer met their longings, except the abounding wickedness of their contemporaries and the utter silence of an insulted God. Finally the dispensation of the law was ushered in and it did much to show man his duty, but it gave but very little promise of divine assistance.

All through the long wearisome period of Judaism so full of disappointment and trouble those faithful ones looked for salvation to come out of Zion. They, along the way, had had His character symbolized before their eyes in the meekness of the pascal lamb, the glory of the priesthood, the splendor of their temporal kings, the faithfulness of their prophets, the sacredness of their temple and the beauty of their ritual. The blood of thousands of beasts which flowed from Jewish altars for nearly two thousand years were index fingers pointing onward to the cross on Calvary.

Once in a great while some true and faithful followers of God would get close enough to Him to cheer the weary hearts by beautiful descriptions of His glorious personage.

Truly we can say with the prophet Isaiah, "Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"

"For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him."

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not."

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted."

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is

### ARE YOUR HEARTSTRINGS TUNED?

Nellie L. Conrad

Are your heartstrings tuned to catch the faintest cry  
Of a soul that is struggling in sinking sand?  
Are you touched when you see him try and try  
To reach the solid rock and the promised land?  
Do you lend a helping hand to those in sore distress,  
When they are all entangled in Satan's awful snare?  
When the web holds fast and the darkness round them press,  
Are your heartstrings touched, do you care, do you care?

Are your heartstrings tuned to catch the harmony  
Of the saints as they shout long the Savior's praise?  
Does the song of the angels in eternity  
Fill all your soul as aloud your voice you raise?  
Do you stand in awe before the glories of His hand  
As you see the wondrous mystery of His love?  
As He works out His plan, do you yield to His command?  
Is your soul in harmony with the angels above?

Why longer hold back when there's work to be done?  
Would you stand idly by and see a soul lost?  
Into the harvest, it's long since rising sun!  
Christ died for that soul, His own life paid the cost.  
The time is near at hand, the reckoning time is here,  
God will require of you the talent He has given;  
Is it buried in the ground by you in foolish fear,  
Or out at interest for the Lord of earth and heaven?

dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

"He was taken from prison and from judgment; and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was he stricken."

"And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth."

"Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand."

"He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities."

"There will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death; and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Isa. 53.

Finally one beautiful night on the far away hill of Judea the shepherds were startled by the sudden appearance of the heavenly messenger who announced the birth of the Saviour, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Before the shepherds had time to express their appreciation of this long expected announcement, a multitude of heavenly host took up the glad refrain, which is still coming to

us from away down the ages, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." As these shepherds bent over this babe of Bethlehem, they beheld in reality, the hope of the world's redemption.

During all this time that God had been unfolding His plans to the world old Satan had not been idle, for he soon began to fulfill the prophecy of God, "He was despised and rejected of men." As soon as Herod had heard of the advent of Jesus into the world he set a trap to destroy the young child's life and thus blast the hope of all generations.

Time would fail me to speak of His flight into Egypt, His return to Nazareth and His appearance in the temple at the age of twelve as He disputed with those learned men and startled them with His great wisdom.

For several weeks John had been preaching on the banks of the Jordan and multitudes had repented and been baptized. Suddenly one day this preacher in the wilderness pointed out a stranger in the crowd and exclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

His temptation in the wilderness, His wonderful sermon on the mount, His miraculous feeding of the multitudes, the cleansing of the lepers, the healing of those that were sick, the casting out of devils, the raising of the dead and the story of His many weary marches over the dusty roads of Palestine and up the rugged hills of Judea all go to make up the history of His early ministry on the earth.

Wherever He went it was the same sweet story, "He went about doing good." His short but successful ministry was about to cease. He had preached

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## EDITORIAL

On account of the demand for our Sunday school literature exceeding our expectations, our supply has almost exhausted. We only have a few cards and cluster rolls left. While we rejoice in the fact that it is meeting with such favor, we regret very much that the supply has exhausted, and we are preparing to take care of the increased demand for our literature next time. Orders are now coming in for next quarter. Let us know YOUR requirements as early as possible.

Every church would do well to observe children's day, June 10, 1923, by arranging a special program for the day and a general good time for the children's encouragement. Special efforts should be put forth by every Sunday school to boost this special day. It should be impressed on them that the great responsibility that now rests on our shoulders is soon to be transferred to them. This office will take pleasure in assisting in every possible way. All announcements should be sent in at once.

Let every saint earnestly pray that God will supply the means to open up additional quarters for the Orphanage work in order that we may be able to admit many worthy applicants that are now seeking admission, also the present and future needs of those that we now have. We are in special need of some cows for the orphanage, as we are informed that our milk and butter bills alone exceed \$40.00 per month. Pray that God may touch hearts to supply the means for the successful perpetuation of this worthy cause. Look for the coming orphanage issue of the Evangel.

## An Exciting Time on The Waters

Dear Saints of God Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am glad that this time finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. Glory Hallelujah! Praise His holy sweet name forevermore.

Dear saints, I am letting you all know what is happening over here in the district of Crooked Island, Acklin, Long Cay and Fair Play. (The gospel just reached this island about ten months ago.)

Beloved saints, it is just like when fire falls among rotten trash in destroying all of this rotten doctrine. Glory, hallelujah. My soul is on fire just now.

When I look all around me and see and hear all those rotten doctrines and false teachings (but some turn and look back and see their mistakes). I praise God for the Church of God, her teaching and doctrine. Before this wonderful change took place on these islands I suffered and was mistreated.

I have been alone with Jesus for two days in a small boat upon the hungry sea. Beloved, when the storms came down and beat upon my little boat I had no one to talk to or help me to steer the boat. It was then that I would think of the song, While Christ is in the vessel I'll smile at the storms. What makes me run such a risk as this? It is because I remember when Christ was about to leave His disciples that He said unto them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

He also said, "Whoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." Mark 8:35.

When I was in sin I was really afraid to die but, praise God, since I have had a dip in Jesus' blood I don't fear death any more.

My going through all these rough places was to carry the gospel across to those islands.

One time I got into a life and death struggle. I went in a boat to distribute some Sunday school books to the Church of God on these different islands. A little unsaved brother went with me to Long Cay. We had a wonderful meeting there and next morning we had a little seven-year old girl to take back with us.

We started and sailed till sun down. My food gave out and the little boy

and girl were very hungry. It grew darker and darker and we sailed on till the boat got ashore but I was not much acquainted with that place and I saw the little ones were very hungry. So I made up my mind to take the little tow boat and start for the shore but soon found out that she was hard and fast to the shore. I jumped out and took the little girl in my arms and the little boy jumped out and we walked on until my legs began to tire. By this time I found the shore was not very far and I went on not knowing there was a channel near the shore. I walked on until I found the water was getting deeper and deeper. At this time I saw I was in great danger. I became frightened for the first time not only on my account but because of the little ones I had with me.

Dear ones, I now had met the test as we were facing a shark's mouth and all other big creatures.

The little boy had the Sunday school books, clothing and shoes on his head. But soon he couldn't walk. He began to cry and told me to tell his mother farewell. He then began to swim and turned loose the bundle that he had on his head and threw the shoes down.

When I saw the big bundle floating away with my clothing and the Sunday school books, I put them on my head and I took hold of the boy's hand and got the little girl in my left hand and I looked up to heaven in that dark watch of the night and I bowed my head and made toward the shore.

I soon found out that my head and all was under the water. I gave a kick and my feet struck a little lump of mud and I got my nose above the water again. I stood there a little while and caught my breath.

At this time the little boy was about tired out. I said, "oh, Lord, deliver me." I started again and it seemed I was in a vision but I got to the shore somehow. When I found myself I was where the water was striking me around my arms. Praise God! I went to the shore and threw myself down and gave God the praise.

I have plenty more I could say about this trip but Jesus knows all about it and I will let Him.

Dear ones, this place, Cabbage Hill, where I was born and Coral Hill are the worst places on these islands. I believe the people here blaspheme against the Holy Ghost. Saints, I want all who read this to pray for this place. The Lord has given a wonderful revelation about this place,

that it was going to be destroyed.

These people had stoned me and went to the magistrate and told him to stop that old Stanley from preaching but their efforts were in vain.

Sometimes men take sticks and try to run me out but, praise God, instead of them running me out they just make me get under the power and preach Christ.

Pray for me that I will be a light for Jesus every day.

Your humble brother who means to die on the battlefield,

Stanley R. Ferguson,  
Cabbage Hill,  
Crooked Island, Bah.

## Straight and Narrow is the Way That Leadeth Unto Life

To All that Are Saved and Sanctified By the Blood of Jesus:

In June, 1920 I was truly converted in the A. M. E. church and was inclined to preach the gospel. In the latter part of 1921 I left the A. M. E. church and went to the Baptist church. They were very glad to have me but when they found I stood against sin they began to find fault with my preaching.

Later on I went to Princeton, Fla eight miles from home and preached Christ drew the scattered Baptist flock together at that place and on June 11, 1922 I was ordained as a full minister of the gospel. During my ordination Brother B. F. James read 1 Tim. 3:2. This showed me my condition. It said I must be blameless and I wasn't of that character. So my ordination didn't correspond with the requirements of the Bible. Furthermore, we find that Paul in writing to Titus said, "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee." Titus 1:5. It would also be well to read the remainder of the chapter and see what kind of men Titus was told to ordain.

On October 1 I was a delegate to the Baptist association from the church I was pastoring. In this assembly there was a great subject to discuss, Sanctification. This was discussed by teachers, professional men, theological men and D. D's. It was concluded that sanctification was a growth and that this was the only way to have it. I sat and listened but didn't believe that it was a growth. I believed a seed had to be planted in good soil and spring up and then grow to bring forth fruit.

After I reached home I prayed over it. I asked the Lord to sanctify me. I always visited Brother E. Rolle's holiness meeting but when he made an altar call something told me that he didn't mean me for I was an ordained minister of the gospel, yet wanted to be sanctified by the blood of Jesus.

One Friday night after I had fasted and prayed all day to be sanctified, I went to Brother E. Rolle's home but no one but the great Redeemer knew my intentions. Brother Rolle's wife prayed for me and I felt the weight of her prayers. When he prayed the power fell. Glory to God! Praise His everlasting name. Amen for Jesus. I was born a new creature, I was without sin and I was not of this world. Glory to God.

I was the first one at the place of worship bright and early on Easter morning to attend prayer meeting. At eleven o'clock I was called on to give the message. I read from Matt. 28:7. "Go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead."

Christ preached His own sermon through me with power. I left the temple under the mighty power and tried to talk to some of the saints on my way home but I couldn't. I realized that I was dumb under the power. I stopped at Sister Johnson's home and they sang and prayed for me but I was dumb. I made signs and wrote these words, "Don't fret for me, I am sinking deeper in grace." I then beheld a chariot in the house and I stepped in and was riding on to heaven and I beheld the beautiful gates and heard some one talking something concerning me. I listened and the chariot left me at the gate.

Then a great multitude of saints that had gone on before came in the house. They were as white as snow and I had a hallelujah time greeting them. They didn't greet as slow as we do. Their hands moved as fast as lightning.

I was then sitting on the floor under the power and the Spirit told me to go home. I arose and the saints accompanied me home. My little baby called me but I was dumb and couldn't say a word.

They told my wife what was the trouble with me. The Holy Ghost spoke with a loud voice through me and said, "Heal." I looked before me and there was a crowd of sick people, even leprosy was there and I healed them all in Jesus' name.

I then beheld a large snake on the floor in the midst of the sick. I couldn't cast him out myself, I tried but the snake never moved. The power then raised me on my feet and the Holy Ghost used my tongue and said with a loud voice, "Get thee hence," and the snake went out the door and turned around and shook his head at me. The Spirit revealed to me to put the sword across the door.

I then saw the cross and there was a cut in a rock at the cross where our Savior shed His blood to sanctify the people. I was then taken to the sepulchre and saw the linen clothes. This looked natural to me. I went and laid down and I

saw a young man standing at the foot of my bed. He said unto me, "The whole world is lost in darkness only a few are saved." I then replied to him, "Then won't you save this world?" He passed me the book very quickly and said, "You go." The power then rushed me from one room to another with a great yell saying, "Yes sir, I'll tell them, I tell them."

I then fell on my knees and saw a ball of fire at my left and I saw millions of souls burning up in the fire. I began to cry for these souls. I felt the heat of the fire and I kept crying for the people and they began to gather at my home.

At about 11:30 o'clock while sitting under the power a great flash of light came across my face and my tongue was loosed and I said, "Glory to God." It seemed that I was as light as a feather. I couldn't feel myself walking over the floor.

I know that I am on the trail of Jesus. Glory to Jesus! I am home at last never more to roam. I am a member of the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. I will say to all the dear ones, to press forward, you are on the right road. Jesus went this way. Amen.

I request the prayers of all true workers of Jesus that my wife and four children will be wonderfully saved and that He may send me out to preach the gospel to its fullest extent.

John Davis,  
Homestead, Fla.

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- 5 ENSEÑANZAS DE LA IGLESIA DE DIOS Teaching of the Church of God
- 6 NO PODRIMOS SABER We Would Not Know
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- 8 LAS SEÑALES QUE SIGUEN The Signs That Follow
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Dear Saints Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I want to praise God for full salvation which keeps us three hundred and sixty-five days in a year without sin. I have been in this way over a year and I can say I am still on the run for glory. Glory to God. I received the Holy Ghost in January 1922, and, praise His sweet name, I am not tired of the way. I never was so delighted with anything before.

I am praising the Lord for letting the light shine on my pathway before I was any older, for in Eccl. 12:1 it says, "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

I also want to praise God for His mighty healing power. When I was very small I had the whooping cough and it left me with something like asthma. I had tried different kinds of remedies to get well, but nothing seemed to do any good, but since I came into this way I have had the saints to pray for me, and, praise God, He touched my body. I thought I was healed until about two weeks ago, I began to take it again. I sent a handkerchief to the saints at Cleveland, and before it came back I was completely healed.

Oh glory, I can feel the joybells ringing in my soul as I write. I am glad I ever learned to trust Jesus for the healing of my body, for "with His stripes we are healed." Isa. 53:3.

I want all the saints to pray for the little flock at this place that we may all live true and do the will of our Saviour at all times.

I want to live just like the few verses I am sending:

When I survey the wondrous cross,  
On which the Prince of glory died;  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did I e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Since I was undone and lost,  
Have pardon through His name and Word;

Forbid it, then, that I should boast  
Save in the cross of Christ my Lord.

The whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my life, my soul, my all.

Your Sister under the blood,  
Bertha Mullins,  
R. 3. Box 38. Gloster, Miss.

## Wants to be Ready

Dear Evangel Readers:  
I want to write a word of testimony for my precious Saviour, who has done so much for me.

As I sit alone in my home this morning, thinking of the great things He has done for me, it fills my soul with gladness, and my heart is overflowing with thanks to Him.

On the night of July 11, 1922, I was saved, later on sanctified, and on August 5 I received the Holy Ghost.

I really thank God for the light on holiness, and for showing me that the friendship of the world is enmity with God. I want to do something for Him. I feel so unworthy of such wonderful blessings.

My husband and I are the only Church of God people in this community, as we have just recently moved here, but we hope to see others before we leave.

May God help us to keep humble and stay true, that we may be ready when Jesus gets ready for us.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. J. D. (Bame) Cole,  
Cairo, Ga.

## Delighted With the Church of God

Dear Saints Everywhere:

As I love the Church of God Evangel so much, I feel led to write just a little of my experience.

I can't praise it enough, for God through it, brought the light of salvation to my soul.

I have always desired to live right. I got under conviction and joined the Missionary Baptist church, thinking I was alright and I went on that way for about eight years. When I began taking the Evangel I saw and accepted the light, got saved, later sanctified, and the seventeenth of last June, the Holy Ghost came in, and still abides.

Dear people, I am really delighted in this way. I love the Church of God and her government.

We thank God for such a good pastor, Brother E. B. Culpepper. He preaches the Word with power. The light is shining around here.

A few nights ago we had prayer meeting at the home of one of our brothers, the power fell and five received the Holy Ghost, for we heard them speak in tongues, as in Acts 2:4.

One night I had a very severe earache, seemed like my head was going to rise. I laid the Evangel over my ear and prayed. The Lord wonderfully healed me.

Dear people, I want this weekly visitor to come on, for I could hardly keep house without it.

Yours looking for greater things ahead,

Mrs. Ethel Hiers,  
Lenox, Ga.

## He Shed His Precious Blood for Me

To the Evangel Family:

Jesus is mine. I love Him with my whole heart. He shed His precious blood on the cross for me. He giveth power, grace and love to the humble. This is something He has done for me with His Spirit, The Holy Ghost, which dwells within.

I feel that I am the least member of the Church of God, the body of Christ, which is here on earth.

He healed me when the arm of flesh gave me only a few hours to live. Through the Church of God Evangel, the prayers and faith of the saints and the anointing of oil I was healed.

I was sanctified by the precious blood of the Lamb that taketh away the sin of the world. Read John 17:19. I obtained this blessing by weeping and praying to God. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Psa. 126:5. Of course, I now have great joy.

I am pouring out my heart to God at the midnight hour for the salvation of lost souls.

I am looking and waiting for His coming and expecting to go to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Glory, glory.

H. W. Billingsly,  
Cleveland, Tenn.

## Will My Mother Know Me There?

To the Church of God Evangel:

I was brought up by a Christian mother. She, in her life time, would persuade and try to get me to live as I ought. But I refused to take her advice while she was living. I continued to live a reckless life until for the last few years. God has been dealing with my heart, and leading me to the same old paths of righteousness, which my mother tried to get me to see during her lifetime.

I have regretted many times the way I grieved her heart, but longed to bring brightness in her life by repentance. I want to speak a few words of warning to others that may be leading the life I did, and refusing to give heed to their mother's command. Don't do as I have done, if you have anything to bring gladness in mother's heart, my advice is to do it while she is living. Give your heart to God. It will bring more joy and comfort to a praying mother's heart for her boy to heed the Saviour's command than anything I know.

I desire that every child of God pray for me that I might lead a life while here that I can meet my precious mother who has gone on before.

When I reach my home eternal,  
Reach that city bright and fair;  
When I stand among the angels,  
Will my mother know me there?

Yes, I know that she will know me,  
In those mansions bright and fair;  
Mother's love can ne'er forget me  
And I'm sure she'll know me there.  
With love to all,  
E. S. Simmons,  
R. 5, Troy, Ala.

## If Jesus Knocks at Your Heart, Let Him In

Dear Saints and Readers:

I have been wanting to write a few words for the Evangel for several days. I can never say just how much I do enjoy the soul stirring sermons and testimonies found on its few little pages each week.

I praise God tonight because I am still saved, sanctified and baptized with the precious Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence. He keeps me by His mighty power each day. He is also my physician when I am sick. Bless His dear name. He has promised to never leave nor forsake us, and I am sure His promises are true, but for some it seems difficult to receive Him as they should.

Just now I recall a little incident I read a few days ago. Where there was an old lady who was unable to pay her rent when it came due. Of course she was expecting the landlord around to collect the amount, but as it happened another man heard about the poor lady and was very sorry for her, so he took some money and went up to her door and knocked, but for fear it was the landlord she would not open the door to let him in. So he turned away. A few days later he met her and was telling her that he came to pay her rent. Oh! she said, "I was afraid to open the door, I did not know it was some one to help me."

Friends, Jesus has paid our debt so if He knocks at your door don't be afraid to let Him in, because He wants to help you. I have noticed that so many people are afraid to open the door of their hearts for the Holy Ghost, while some, of course, are too proud. They are ashamed of the demonstrations and tongues. But take care, if such be your case, because God's Word says pride cometh before a fall and a haughty look before destruction, and he that exalteth himself shall be humbled, and again if we are ashamed to confess Him before men, He will be ashamed of us before His Father in heaven. I praise God for a few people that are not ashamed to confess Him. And if you care to look for them I think you will find them in the dear old Church of God, of which I am a member. I thank God for showing me the light on the Church as He did. I have never been dissatisfied since I joined God's Church. Praise His dear name forever.

Saints, pray for me that I may grow in grace and power, and that I may stay humble and true till Jesus comes or calls. May God bless you all.

An humble sister,

Lillian Moxley,



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### QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Please explain why Jesus said, "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold." Seeing at that time the Gentiles were aliens and strangers, having no hope, and without God in the world, because they had not been made nigh by the blood of Christ. Boyd Compton.

When Jesus made mention of "this fold" He had reference to the poor, humble class of the Jews.

The thief and robber He referred to was the high and exalted class, such as the haughty Pharisees. Then the other sheep which were not of that fold were really the Gentiles. It is true, they were strangers to the commonwealth of Israel and knew not God, but Jesus through His blood made them nigh. This Jesus had in mind when He said, "Them also I must bring." How did He bring them, but by His suffering and shed blood? Yes, the other sheep are the Gentiles.

What did Jesus mean by saying that no man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven? Boyd Compton.

Jesus had descended and ascended many times. He was here at Abraham's day, Abraham sought Him. He was also here on many other occasions. Now Jesus was trying to instruct Nicodemus, but He said "If I have told you earthly things and ye believe not, how shall ye believe if I tell you of heavenly things?"

"And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven."

Now the thought is, if Nicodemus a teacher, in Israel, could not understand some simple things that take place on earth, he could not, nor did he understand about the things of heaven. For no one had ever ascended to heaven at any time to bring down to the inhabitants of this earth the deep and hidden mysteries of the other world. No one but the Son which is in heaven, that is whose home is in heaven but had visited the earth and was on a special mission at that time and we are looking for Him again. It is Jesus who brought us knowledge of heavenly things. He is the Word.

Please explain the following: Paul told the Romans to not let sin reign in their mortal bodies. When we see that sin dwelt in Paul, and he was a wretched man, and with the flesh served the law of sin, I would like to know what it means. Boyd Compton.

Paul in the 7th chapter of Romans was trying to show the deceitfulness of sin, how it would down a man, and how wretched it would make one. Paul used himself for a comparison Paul at that writing was not a wretched man. He was not walking

after the flesh. Sin was not reigning in his mortal body. He had found a way to be delivered from that body of death (Adamic sin) and that way of deliverance is through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 7:25. Now Paul came in touch with Jesus on the way to Damascus, he prayed through and became sanctified and received the Holy Ghost after Ananias instructed him. He lived a holy life from this time forth. See 1 Thes. 2:10. Now Paul didn't write this letter to the Romans till after this statement to the Thessalonians.

He says, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you." He further states, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Who would deny that Paul had the Spirit, even at this writing? Paul only used his own case, in referring back to the time that he was tied to that old man. But at that time he was delivered.

Who does the "man child" of Revelation 12 represent? Also who does the woman represent? Ella McFarland.

The "man child" represents the overcoming saints, those that are born into the Pentecostal experience by the travail of the woman. This Pentecostal experience is the grace that makes us overcomers. This class will be caught up to the throne.

The woman represents that part of Christendom that will not have enough of the grace of God to be caught up to meet the Lord. This is brought out more fully in the Book of prophecy.

What did Jesus mean when He said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost?" Chas. Huff.

The verse is this, "And when He had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

This was after His resurrection and it was only a few more days till they received the Holy Ghost. He breathed on them. We all have received breathings from the Lord. The power would come and go, we would rejoice and seem as though we could stand no more. This was breathings from the Lord, but later an outpour came upon us, we received the Holy Ghost. It is evident, though He said receive ye the Holy Ghost, they didn't receive Him till the day of Pentecost.

Did Jesus ascend to the Father the first day after His resurrection? Chas. Huff.

Yes, I think the evidence is, He hadn't yet ascended when Mary was forbidden to touch Him, but later they handled Him, doubtless this signifies He had ascended to the Father at a later period.

## REGENERATION

Mrs. A. Gann

Regeneration is a Greek word meaning a change or renovation; to make new; being born again; the possessor of new life given by the Holy Ghost. Regeneration is different from justification. Justification is a change in our relationship with God, while regeneration is a change in our moral and spiritual natures.

Regeneration changes one from the state of depravity or spiritual death to spiritual life. "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Rom. 8:6. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Rom. 8:2.

The work of regeneration is brought about by and through the Holy Ghost. It is represented in the Scriptures as "being born again," "born of God" and "born of the Spirit." In John 3:3 where Jesus talked to Nicodemus he said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

So we see the absolute necessity of the birth from above. "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." 1 John 3:14. "Every one that loveth is born of God." 1 John 4:7. "Whoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him." 1 John 5:1.

At 1 Pet. 1:23 He speaks of being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God. Of course this incorruptible seed is Christ the Lord.

A man brought from heathen to Jewish religion was said to be regenerated, but he was only converted. One may be converted without receiving anything of the Spirit for in James 5:20 we read, "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

The word regeneration only occurs twice in the New Testament. In Matt. 19:28 we read, "Ye which have followed me, in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." He wasn't speaking of the human heart here but of the future of His kingdom when it would be renovated by fire, which is spoken of in 2 Pet. 3:10-13, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and

the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burnt up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth."

Truly there will be a cleansing when all is destroyed and everything purified.

So we see to regenerate anything, whether it is the dark recesses of the human heart or this earth, it must be made new. "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.

There is always the visible change. All things are of God who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. This means restoring us to favor with God.

There is nothing that cleanses or renovates like the blood of Jesus applied by the Holy Ghost to the human heart and life. Nothing else can change our hearts. And best of all, it with all the other good and perfect gifts is free at the cross.

### NOTICES

As I am entering evangelistic work, I will consider calls on and after May 10.

E. W. Anderson, Church of God evangelist, Fork Ridge, Tenn.

My home address will be Cleveland, Tenn., instead of 1801-10th Ave. Huntington, W. Va.

E. L. Simmons, overseer of W. Va.

We would like for a man of God with a tent and a few workers to come to this place. For information write

A. C. Kephart, North Florence, Ala.

I would like to know the where-

abouts and spiritual condition of Sarah Sewell. Minnie Wilson clerk and treasurer, Selma, N. C.

We would like for a Church of God preacher who can rightly divide the Word to come to this place with a tent and hold a ten or fifteen days meeting.

Yours in hope of eternal life, G. P. Wheeler, Durham, N. C.

For some time we intended to have our state assembly at Shady Grove tabernacle and made our arrangements accordingly, but we have been fortunate enough to secure the consolidated school building at Cascilla for which we thank the Lord and the people very much.

This meeting will begin at 7:30 P. M. May 17. So the ones that come on the train may get off at Grenada the 17th and there will be cars and trucks to meet you at the depot.

Your brother, L. A. Moxley, Holcomb, Miss.

To the People of Kentucky—Greetings:

Our convention will be held at Williamsburg July 26-29. This is for the eastern part of the state and the one for the western part is to be held at Louisville, Ky. August 23-26.

We cordially invite everybody that is interested in the Church of God and especially all the ministers and clerks. We heartily invite our friends who do not have government or system to visit our convention but there are two or three classes we don't want. First those that can't be taught anything; second those hunters; third those that come for loaves and fishes and those that have the itch.

We would like for the people of the eastern part of the state to help the Williamsburg people with their finance for taking care of the people. We expect to take care of everybody that comes. In the western part of the state the churches should help to bear one another's burden.

The purpose of these conventions is to get better organized for we see it is going to take organization to hold us together. The state of Kentucky is expecting to go to our general Assembly next fall seeing eye to eye and speaking the same thing.

We are expecting our dear Brother, A. J. Tomlinson and others to be with us. We are expecting the greatest time in history. Our best preachers will do the preaching for us.

We little fellows want to learn and when we get back on the field we will fire our guns. We are expecting to take this state for the great Church of God. Now, come on boys let us go to the front for God is fighting our battles for us and leading the way. May the Lord bless the entire state. C. H. Randall, overseer, Box 339, Somerset Ky.

### REQUESTS

Ruth Daubenspeck, Lawton, Okla. wants the saints to pray that she may be completely healed.

E. C. Beness, requests prayer that he may be healed of lung trouble and that he may be a soul winner for Jesus.

Frank Ammons, Henning, Tenn., requests prayer that he may be healed of a cough and that he may receive the Holy Ghost.

Eliza M. Farland, Peen Lee, Va., requests the saints to pray for a brother's eyesight to be restored to him and for her family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Green, Alabama City, Ala., requests prayer for their daughter, Ellie, to be restored to the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Lela Simms, Willis Point, Tex., desires all who pray to pray that her loved ones may be saved before it is too late and that she will ever stand true to Jesus.

Miss Fannie McKinzie, Dillon, S. C., asks all the saints to pray that she may be healed and receive all the blessings God has in store for her.

Alice LeCroy, Townville, S. C., asks prayer that she may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and that she may be healed. Also pray that some of her loved ones may be healed and that they will raise their children right.

Brother Wesley Vanceure, of Jane, Mo., requests prayer of all the saints that he may be completely healed of kidney trouble and dizziness. His wife also asks prayer that she may be healed of kidney and bladder trouble and rheumatism. It is also requested that the Lord will take the desire of tobacco away from her.

Pray for Frank Vanceure's little son. He has had epileptic fits most all his life and lost his speech when a small child. He is in a bad condition and has to be watched to keep him from hurting people. His parents were once Christians but have gone back into the world. Please pray for their salvation.

I desire the saints to also pray for my parents both physically and spiritually and that I may be healed of internal soreness and that I may receive the Holy Spirit with the evidence as in Acts 2:4. Also that my husband may be delivered from tobacco in every form and receive the full gospel.

A sister in His name, Benna Feece, Jane, Mo.

### BATTLEFIELDS

Just closed a five days meeting at Sheels, Ky. The devil worked with all his power. He shut the door on us but we held on to God until He answered prayer and they opened the door and the Word was preached with power and the victory won, reports Frank Goodin, Ages, Ky.

I am in a battle against sin at Curlew, Fla. Ten were in the altar last night and others cried at their seat. I hear the sound of an abundance of rain. Pray for us and when the sheaves are gathered in you will have a share, reports Lula L. Jones.

We have just closed a weeks meeting here. Brother and Sister Swadley of Brighton, Mo. were with us. The Word was given out with power and the seed sown. We are expecting to reap a great harvest for Jesus and His Church in the future, reports Mr. and Mrs. Luther Popejoy, Battlefield, Mo.

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### Fifth Sunday Meeting a Success

Dear Saints of God: I praise God this evening for the victory I have in my soul. There is nothing so sweet as Jesus to me. I praise Him for the great Comforter that abides.

The Lord wonderfully blessed in the fifth Sunday meeting at Mt. Green church. Brother Murphy preached two wonderful sermons. There was shouting and talking in tongues. We observed the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet. Praise God for that wonderful love that draws us together in heavenly places.

I want to help out on the Evangel debt and I am sending \$5.00 on it. Pray for me to stay true and humble. Mrs. W. W. Odum, Pearson, Ga.

### Many Interested at Rinley, Tenn.

To All the Dear Saints: I praise the Lord this morning for full salvation. He is so sweet to me. He has saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Praise the name of Jesus! I feel good in my soul.

I am willing to do what the Lord wants me to do. He has healed my body so many times. There are three of us in family and we all have the Holy Ghost.

We have just closed a wonderful meeting here, Brother C. C. Jones in charge, and the Lord blessed. Several were saved, some reclaimed and one was baptized in water. Brother Jones is a man of God and we all think lots of him and want him to come again. He seems to have lots of influence over the people and they came from other churches and enjoyed his preaching. Brother Jones preaches with such love and that is what it takes to bring lost souls in. Pray for me and the little church here.

Your sister in Christ, Irene Griffin, R. 6, Riply, Tenn.

### The Lord Heareth the Cries of the Penitent

We have just closed a week and three days meeting at this place, conducted by J. A. Hips. The Lord wonderfully blessed Brother Hips in giving out the Word with power and confirmed it with signs following. Several messages were given out and interpreted. In some of them God said, "This is my messenger I have sent unto you, hear him." Others were to the saints and some were to the sinners, warning them to seek God.

The altar was filled with penitents crying to God. One was saved, three sanctified, one received the Holy Ghost, two were reclaimed and six were added to the church. Many are looking this way.

Your sisters in Christ, Kate Brickie, Annie Brickie, Bessie King, R. 6, Fitzgerald, Ga.

### The Lord Blessed at Elizabethton, Tenn.

We have just closed a two weeks meeting at Elizabethton, Tenn. The Lord blessed Brother Brabson with great power in giving out the Word. There were messages given in tongues telling us that Jesus is coming soon.

There were 4 saved, 5 sanctified, 5 baptized with the Holy Ghost, speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance, 2 were added to the Church and 3 followed the Lord in water baptism.

We observed the Lord's supper and feet wash Sunday night. The Lord wonderfully blessed. The saints shouted, danced and talked in tongues. The Lord sure is pouring out His Spirit in these last days. Let us lift up our head for His coming draweth nigh. "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried." Dan. 1:5. "And

some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even, to the time of the end." Dan. 11:35.

A brother in Christ, C. W. Arrowood, Elizabethton, Tenn.

### IN MEMORY OF

SMITH The death angel visited the home of George Smith March 25, 1923 and claimed his dear wife, Ida Smith, age 15 years, 1 month and 25 days.

She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. She was loved by all who knew her and has gone to be with Jesus where she will know no more sorrow.

She is survived by a number of relatives and friends.

Her mother, Mrs. Jane Smith.

CARR The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Carr of Verda, Ky., on Feb. 27, 1923 and took from their arms their darling, Olan Cecil, age 10 months and 18 days.

He is survived by a father, mother, grandmother and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Fred Luster of Verda, Ky., and his body laid to rest in the Mid-dletown cemetery.

His uncle, John Fortner, Straight Creek, Ky.

### CRUMPLER

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon L. Crumpler, Feb. 17, 1923 and took from them their little girl, age 5 years, 11 months and 22 days.

She was the granddaughter of Brother and Sister L. W. Mitchell and was living with them when her death occurred; which was caused by pneumonia. Her death came as a shock. She was a loving little girl. Every-body loved her. She had one sister, age seven, who started to school before Ruby was five years old and this left her so lonely that she wanted to go with her, and did, and she was in the second grade at the time of her death.

I have often asked her who she loved best and she would say, "The Lord." We had some of the saints to pray for her but God saw best to take her home.

She leaves a heart-broken father, mother, one sister, grandfather, grandmother and a host of relatives and friends.

Her mother, Estella Crumpler, Goldsboro, N. C.

### TARVER

On April 23, 1923 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister C. I. and Lida Tarver of Gloster, Miss., and claimed their son, John Allen, age 5 years, 9 months and 11 days.

Little John Allen was a strong believer in the Church of God and a dear lover of the Sunday school. He always had a good lesson and an offering for the Sunday school and one for the orphans.

He had been sick since about the first of April and was healed and was up several days when he was taken again and did not recover. He fully trusted the Lord. He is the first to go at Calveys Chapel.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his father and mother in this time of bereavement and commend them for their faithfulness to God and His Word in such a trying time.

He is survived by a father, mother, two brothers, two grandfathers and mothers, uncles, aunts and a multitude of friends.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer and his body was laid to rest in the Talbot cemetery to await the resurrection of the blessed and holy.

His pastor, G. G. Williams.

### BURCHETT

On April 17, 1923 our Savior in His great wisdom saw fit to call from her toiling, Sarah M. Burchett, wife of E. M. Burchett of Marion, Va. She was born in Alleghany county, N. C., in 1876.

She professed Christ at an early age and became a member of the M. E. church.

In 1896 she was married to E. M. Burchett and to this union were born ten children. Five of whom have preceded her to the spirit world.

She united with the Church of God at Marion and lived a faithful member until her Savior announced the benediction, "Well done thou good and faithful servant" and she passed from death unto life.

She is survived by a husband, five children, a mother and a host of friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother C. W. Stewart and her body laid to rest in Laurel Spring cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

"Oh, how sweet it will be in that beautiful land So free from all sorrow and pain, With songs on our lips and with harps in our hands, To meet one another again!"

A loving friend.

### PHELPS

Margaret E. Phelps was born in Perry county, Ill., September 10, 1855 and died April 20, 1923, age 67 years, 7 months and 10 days.

At the age of sixteen she united with the Concord Baptist church. She was united in marriage to Wm. Phelps. To this union were born ten children. Two having preceded her to the great beyond.

She leaves to mourn, five sons,

three daughters, thirty-eight grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

We will miss you from our home, mother, We will miss you from our place, We will miss your kind and willing hands We will miss the sunshine of your face.

Her pastor, E. O. Sells, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

### By His Stripes We are Healed

Dear Brothers and Sisters: I want to praise God for full salvation and that one day I gave my whole life to Him. Oh, how I want to tell about Jesus, because He said, "Ye are the light of the world." When we view back to calvary we learn that He said, "The chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5. After we look from the cross we are made to rejoice.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." John 16:7.

I really praise God for the few people here at this place who have not only been to calvary, but have tarried in the upper room, where He said He would send the Comforter. God is blessing here and pouring out His love upon the saints in a great measure.

We have our prayer meeting three times a week, and also one at the church on Sunday. People are waking up and souls are hungry for the Church of God. They are starving for soul food.

My dear Lord! We who know the whole truth, let us work as never before. We must cry aloud and spare not. People have form of godliness but denying the power of God. Oh, the thousands who are led by blinded leaders who have never felt the touch of power. How are we to get this message to them. We must pray, pray. Tell all that we can to be zealous and kind and show this world that we have the blessing. Quench not the Spirit, hold fast to that which is good. We have to love souls to get them to God.

Let us all help support the gospel by helping support our ministers. When the boys went to fight for their country, donations were taken up on every hand to help fight the battle. Our battle is much greater, can't we help our ministers to carry this gospel? If we can't preach we can help those who are called to go. We can have a part if we will. When Jesus says, "Come ye blessed of my Father," we have a right to the tree of life if we do His will, Amen.

Your sister for lost souls, Mrs. Eula Laughter, clerk, Ashville, N. C.

### Wonderful Revival

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus:

A very successful meeting closed at the Barker schoolhouse ten miles north of Golden Valley, N. Dak. on Sunday evening March 11, 1923. Many precious souls were rescued for the kingdom of God. There were eighteen different experiences received. Four souls went through to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Brother S. T. Linn worked hard in these meetings, preaching the Word and praying souls through to God. He proved himself a real Church of God evangelist. May God give him many more such revivals.

Brother Elmer Walker also worked in these revivals, in fact, the whole neighborhood worked as one large family. Our state overseer, Brother John Attey, was with us a few nights. God blessed him in his discussions. May God keep him true until Jesus comes.

The Church of God was blessed with six new members. Glory to God for giving the increase. Bless His name.

Your brother in Jesus, Joseph Wm. Barker, Golden Valley, N. Dak.

### Glad He Found This Heavenly Way

Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to sound a note of praise for our Redeemer. Praise His name. I am glad that today finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and on fire for God, glory, Oh, I feel like traveling on today, and I am so glad that I ever found this heavenly way. I was saved and sanctified in August 1922, and have been working for the blessing ever since until Friday night, March 16, He came in and testified for Himself.

Dear ones, we haven't any place to worship our Saviour yet, only our homes, but we are trying to buy a lot to build a church on. Saints, pray for me and my family that we will ever be found doing the Lord's will, and be ready when He comes or calls and also pray for the church here at this place for we are only babes in Christ. We have several members here now.

I would like to know the address of Mrs. Ida McCoy.

Your brother in Christ, W. D. Lillard, Tyrone, Ark.

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## THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION

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in almost all the towns and villages over the land and healed the sick wherever He went.

We now behold Him on the stormy coast of Judea beyond Jordan. The time had come for Him to be delivered up to be tried before His enemies. Against the protests of His best friends and those who dearly loved Him, He steadfastly set His face toward the city of Jerusalem.

One third of the Gospel has been devoted to this last week of the Savior's beautiful life. This week was the most eventful of His sweet holy life. The history of this week is found in Matthew from chapter 21 to chapter 28; in Mark, chapter 11 to chapter 16; in Luke, chapter 19:28 to chapter 23 and from John 12 to the 19th chapter.

We now come to the night of the last day. Jesus and His faithful followers were in an upper room in the city of Jerusalem. The passover lamb had been killed; the traitor had been pointed out; Jesus had washed His disciples' feet; the sacrament had been instituted and the doors were closed.

Listen as He speaks to His faint-hearted disciples, "Now is the Son of man glorified and God glorified in him" and "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." He continued with His messages of love and consolation in such words as had never fallen from the lips of any one. Finally He closed with that wonderful prayer for His disciples. The door was then opened and He and His disciples went out.

Just outside the gate of Gethsemane there was a moment's pause. Only think of that beautiful olive garden on that lonely mountain side. Here He left eight of His disciples and took three with Him just a little farther on. He then left them and went, a stone's throw and fell on His face. There He wrestled in prayer and, no doubt, He got a vision of the teeming millions of this earth on the death march to an endless hell. After this came the vision of sorrow, suffering and death which was awaiting Him, this, the price of salvation for the whole world, if they only accept Him. In His last agonies He cried out in anguish, "Father, if it be possible let this cup pass." This scene was repeated with a view of His sleeping disciples intervening. He prayed the third time and drops of blood ran down His precious brow and fell to the ground but Jesus, our precious Jesus, did not waver. He yielded to the awful ordeal and the battle ended, "Not my will but thine be done."

After a little pause beside His sleeping disciples He awoke them that they might hear the clanking swords, rattling stones and the heavy footfalls of the howling mob and see the light of the torches as they glimmered through the leaves of the olive trees. "The hour is come when the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinners." Then Judas, the traitor, advanced and kissed the tender face of the Master. Jesus asked them, "Whom seek ye?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." His simple answer was, "I am he." At this the mob staggered backward, but came again the second time. He was so anxious for His disciples to be left free while He surrendered Himself to the angry mob. Like a common criminal the spotless Son of God was led, away by wicked men.

First He was brought before Annas, then to Caiaphas, both of whom pronounced Him worthy of death on the charge of blasphemy because He said He was the Son of God.

On that fateful morn just as

the sun arose that wicked court was called to order to inquire of His disciples and His doctrine. They soon decided that He should be put to death under the charge of blasphemy but discovering that they had no right to put any one to death under their law they took Him away to be tried before the Roman governor. The Jews therefore said unto him, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death."

After this Pilate went into his judgment hall and called Jesus and said unto Him, "Art thou the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence."

When wicked Pilate found that He was a Galilean and belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he was glad to get rid of Him, so he sent Him to Herod.

Herod questioned Him with many words hoping to see some miracles done by Him, while His enemies stood by and wickedly accused Him. At last Herod and his wicked friends set Jesus at naught and mocked Him. Putting a gorgeous robe on him they sent Him back to Pilate's hall. Pilate declared, "I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him. I will therefore chastize him, and release him." But this angry mob was determined that He should die, so they cried out, Not this man but Barrabas.

After all this they took the Son of God and scourged Him until the blood oozed out. All this was done for the healing of our bodies. Not a word escaped His lips. "Away with him," they cried and He was turned over to the will of His enemies. They set Him in the judgment hall. They brought out an old discarded robe and put it on Him, made a crown of thorns and put it on His head and gave Him a scepter. At this they put an old rod in His hand and struck it against His head and made those cruel thorns pierce His tender brow. They cried out, Blindfold Him; smite Him on the cheek; spit in His face and bow before Him.

After He was sentenced to death they brought the heavy cross and tied it upon the bloody lacerated back of the world's blest Redeemer. We see Him as He starts on that trip to the top of the sacred hill. He had lost much blood and had spent long weary hours without food and had suffered untold agony at the hands of His enemies. He staggered and fell beneath His load. As He fell they smote Him but He was unable to rise. Another was pushed into service and forced to carry the cross. When they reached the top of Mt. Calvary they laid the cross down and stretched Him upon it.

Can you imagine the sickening sound of those cruel nails as they pierced His tender hands? In the meantime He prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." See Him as they raised the cross and dropped it into the hole prepared for it. Watch His flesh tear around those black nails but not one murmur escaped His lips. He was thirsty and they dipped a sponge in vinegar and pressed it to His mouth. The thief gnashed on Him with his teeth; the priests wagged their heads and the mob upbraided Him saying, "He saved others, himself he cannot save." The sun ceased to shine and darkness settled down over the face of the earth; the earth trembled

## ORPHANAGE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Lillian Kinsey

Dear Saints and Friends of the Orphanage Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:  
We come again with our monthly report to let you know that we have not only received the good things and nice gifts you sent us but to try and tell you we appreciate them all very much indeed, the articles of all kinds, food, clothes, soap, cash, etc. One dear brother, sixty-four years old sent us \$2.00 reported last month from Floral City, Fla. His name is W. J. Moon. By mistake it was printed W. J. Moore.

We are so thankful the dear Lord is watching over all and sees the kind hearts and good intents of all to help us in this great work of caring for the needy and helpless, and for the many who are giving at a real sacrifice. We thank you all and praise our God.

Some have asked what we need most. We could use some every day hats for the boys to wear while working in the garden, also summer underwear. May God abundantly bless those who are helping to support the Church of God Orphanage.

From European Bakery, Cleveland, Tenn.:  
13 lbs. bread; 3 1/2 lbs. cake; 11 doz. cinnamon rolls.

The Agent for Fuller Brush Co. made a discount of \$2.40 on purchase of brushes and brooms.

From Cleveland Produce Co., Cleveland, Tenn.:  
150 lb. bag Irish potatoes.

From Mrs. Hattie Chambers, Cleveland, Tenn.:  
2 1/2 lbs. stick candy.

From T. A. Tarpley, Cleveland, Tenn.:  
3 lbs. fresh fish; 2 bunches green onions; 7 lbs. cabbage.

From Brother Gillett, Cleveland, Tenn.:  
3 boxes oats; salt 10c; box soda; 2 1/2 lbs. stick candy; sugar 25c; 5 lemons.

From Mr. Florence, Cleveland, Tenn.:  
34 bananas.

From Mrs. R. C. Cannon, Cleveland, Tenn.:  
2 loaves bread; 1 cake.

From Ruby Newton, by the S. S. Somerset, Ky.:  
3 small hdkfs. 3 pr. hose; 4 1/2 yds. bleaching; 1 1/2 yds. percale; 4 yds. check gingham; 5 yds. solid colors gingham; 3 1/2 yds. pink gingham; 1 1/2 yds. pink lawn; 1 card button; 6 spools thread; 5 bars toilet soap; 3 boxes tooth paste.

From G. B. Cochran and son, Camilla, Ga.:  
6 gal. syrup.

From Mrs. C. A. Ivey, Quitman, Ga.:  
by soliciting:  
2 worn dresses; 1 worn jumper; 1 worn romper; 2 pr. worn hose; 1 pr. worn shoes; 11 rubber balls; 22 pr. worn hose; 3 new undershirts; 1 new slipper sleeveless sweater; 1 new baby cap; 2 yds. white cloth; 1 new dress; 1 pr. new pants; 3 new hdkfs.; 1 small new hat; 12 spools thread; 1 box hair pins; 2 bars toilet soap; 2 new pr. canvas slippers; 1 paper pins; 1 box corn flakes; one 12 oz. can cooked brains; one 3 1/2 oz. can potted meat; 2 11 oz. cans Libby's soup; 10 pr. shoe strings; 1 pr. pants; 3 pieces gingham 12 yds.; 2 lbs. soap; 3 lbs. butter beans.

From Sacramento, Calif., no name:  
2 small worn rompers; 2 small boys' washsuits; 2 worn jumpers; 2 small worn undershirts; 1 new pr. bloomers; 2 worn button waists; 2 small worn shirts; 1 worn coat; 9 worn small dresses; 8 boys' new hdkfs.; 11 girls' new hdkfs.; 11 new hand towels; 6

new turkish towels; 10 new wash cloths; 3 pr. pillow cases; 2 new sheets.

From Mrs. James M. Clegg, Mathis-ton, Miss.:  
1 quilt; the top given by Mrs. Alice Randall, of Birmingham, Ala. the lining and cotton given by Mrs. James M. Clegg, quilted by Mrs. Harley, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Lawhon and Mrs. Clegg.

From Katie Free, Reid Miss. by Taylor church:  
1 new waist; 1 new towel; 1 paper pins; box powder; a few hair pins and tooth picks.

From Mrs. Sallie Mooneyham, Hazel Green, Ala.:  
1 new sheet; new pr. pillow cases; 6 lbs. shelled peanuts; 1 glass salt dish; 1 large ball thread.

From Zettie Carter, Kentwood, La.:  
1 spool thread; 1 bar toilet soap; 3 hdkfs.; 1 can talcum powder; quilt pieces; 1 towel; 2 worn skirts; 3 yds. domestic.

Bettie Sanders—4 small new dress; 1 used towel; 1 small worn skirt; 6 large pearl buttons; 8 small buttons; 2 spools thread; 1 bar toilet soap; quilt pieces; 4 hdkfs.; 7 needles; 1 tiny bottle perfume.

From C. A. James, Joplin, Mo., by the church:  
37 large quilt squares; 16 hdkfs.; 1 boy's waist; 1 unionsuit; 1 pr. wool pants; 1 quilt.

From Will Medlock, Ware Shoals, S. C. by the church:  
5 bars toilet soap; 1 paper pins; 2 new caps; 4 pr. new hose; 2 cans talcum powder.

From Mrs. Lizzie Puchett, Sheville, N. C.:  
1 white skirt; 1 white undershirt; 2 boys' waists; 1 towel; 1 dresser scarf.

Mrs. B. L. Lance—2 yds. chambray; 2 pr. pants; 4 undershirts.

Mrs. Bathia Lowings—1 quilt top; 1 cap; 1 hat; 1 undershirt; 1 white skirt; 1 pr. bed room slipper soles.

From Mr. Dan Cain, Shonn, Ky.:  
Two 5 lb. jars raspberry jam.

From Lillie Bryan, Hawthorne, Fla.:  
3 small boxes cakes; 1 box unceda biscuits; 2 cans pumpkin; 2 cans peaches; 3 cans pork and beans; 2 boxes washing powder; 1 can talcum powder; 2 pkg. hair pins; 1 yd. crocheted lace; 1/2 lb. cakes; 2 bars toilet soap; 1 bar laundry soap; 2 towels; 2 1/2 yds. gingham; 3 doz. buttons; 1 spool thread; 4 hdkfs.; 9 yds. embroidery.

From Mrs. Iona Wallace, Akron, Ohio, the following:  
Worn clothes, 1808 Duler Ave., Canton, Ohio.

Mrs. Danily—3 bars soap.

Louvenia Wallace—2 boxes chimene.

Stella Foster—1 body waist.

Emery Sheets—1 lb. box candy.

Mrs. Hall—1 qt. jelly sold and sent money.

From W. M. Hamilton, Lutz, Fla.:  
5 yds. chambray.

From Bama White, Rienzi, Miss. the following:  
Lamare White—1 boy's suit.

Lillie White—1 dress; 1 pr. slippers; 2 hdkfs.

Harry White—1 boy's suit; 1 collar.

Cash Offerings

Huntington, W. Va., S. S. \$ 5 54

Josie Williams, Pioneer, Texas. 10 00

J. H. Burns, Greenville, S. C., S. S. 1 57

Church, Portersville, Ala. 2 30

Pelzer, S. C., S. S. 1 07

Burtha Ray, Ladonia, Texas. 1 82

Church, Clearfork, Va. 1 05

Brasley, Mo. 2 20

No name, Red Bay, Ala. 2 00

Cleveland, Tenn. Benefit Fund. 50 00

L. B. Powers, DeQuincy, La. 2 00

H. G. Gaine, Moniac, Ga. 1 00

Church, Lakeland, Fla. 2 45

Highland, Ky., S. S. 3 76

Whittier, N. C. 2 50

Ware Shoals, S. C., S. S. 2 05

Williston, Fla. S. S. 14 00

Church, Akron, Ohio 8 00

" Altavista, Va. 4 85

" Hazlehurst, Ga. 11 00

" Quartz, Ga. 2 52

Mossie Callicutt, Albermarle, N. C. 1 37

Church, Elizabethton, Tenn. 4 00

" Gastonia, N. C. 1 68

" Weatherford, Tex. 72

" Pittsburg, Kans. 1 30

Princeton, W. Va., S. S. 4 00

Church, Largo, Fla. 10 04

" Canton, Ohio. 77

" Graysville, Tenn. 2 14

" Sesser, Ill. 1 43

" Pickwick, Miss. 3 15

" Marietta, Ohio. 4 95

Julia Bays, Parkersburg, W. Va. 25

Church, Mt. Zion, W. Va. 25

" Cantwell, Mo. 2 67

W. P. Wiggins, E. Lopot, N. C. 1 79

A. L. Henley, Sumner, Miss. 4 00

Ida Robinson, Odum, Ga. 51

Church, Pittsburg, Ill. 4 28

Jennie Dodson, Boone Terre, Mo. 1 10

Church, Campaign, Tenn. 3 55

" Carters Chapel, Ga. 1 10

W. H. Seymons, Circleville, Ohio. 25

A. J. Bolt, Springfield, Ala., S. S. 2 20

S. P. Lane, Ollsko, N. C. 5 00

C. M. Brown, Everglade, Fla. 2 50

Church, Logan, W. Va. 5 06

" Anniston, Ala. 80

Ella Fry Holt, Caneyville, Ga. 4 00

Kellyville, W. Va., S. S. 5 38

Leonard Perciful, Twila, Ky. 9 00  
S. S.  
W. H. Mitchell, Piedmont, S. C. 1 22  
Herbert Weech, Key West, Fla. 3 10  
W. E. Jones, Manor, Ga., S. S. 2 10  
Artesia, Miss., S. S. 4 00  
Townsend, Tenn., S. S. 2 25  
Somerset, Ky., S. S. 5 25  
Sarah Jones, Ponde, Ky. 11 35  
Lenoir City, Tenn., S. S. 1 00  
Ethel Alexander, Cleveland, Tenn. 1 00  
Church, Fort Myers, Fla. 11 59  
" Eldorado, Ill. 5 75  
" Stella E. Fowler, Pratt City, Ala. 11 97  
Sallie Mooneyham, Hazel Green, Ala. 1 00  
Church, Detroit, Mich. 16 00  
Miss Susie Schield, Pontiac, Mich. 5 00  
Church, Tampa, Fla. 12 90  
Mrs. Julia Finer, Moorehead City, N. C. 6 90  
Parker Kinner, Cleveland, Tenn. 50  
S. S. Class No. 4, Cleveland, Tenn. 65  
Church, McMinnville, Tenn. 70  
" Mt. Zion, Tenn. 1 33  
Otto Warner, Clifty, Tenn. 3 25  
S. S. Twila, Ky. 3 85  
Ranzy Ayers, Russellville, Ala. 25  
Church, Golden Valley, N. D. 3 00  
Church, Tampa, Fla. 9 00  
Kinsers Tabernacle, Cleveland, Tenn. 3 49  
J. A. Muney, Ravenna, Ky. 10 00  
Church, Cherry Hill, Tex. 1 87

## Jesus Will Carry Us Through

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings to All in Jesus' Dear Name:

I want to add my testimony of praise and love for my blessed Redeemer. He is all in all to me. He is always near to help in time of stormy weather, no matter what Satan does to try to defeat us. Jesus will carry us through, if we are looking and leaning on Him. He promised never to leave nor forsake us, and I know His promises are all true, and by His help and the prayers of the dear saints I intend to go all the way. Praise God.

Dear sisters and brothers, let's not forget to pray for each other and pray with as much faith as we do when we are asking God to heal some of our loved ones. There are souls who are deprived of the great opportunities of attending church, or even seeing the face of a child of God for months and even years. I am one of the number. I have been in this way for nearly five years, and I can easily name the number of times I have gone to church. I never meet a person that flirts the pentecostal movement. I am sure the tide will change some time. It may be after this journey of life is over. But when we join the happy angel band across the crystal river, we can praise God in the highest throughout eternity.

I want to tell the Evangel readers how wonderful God can heal. The devil had rather defeat us on this line, it seems than any other. My little five year old boy was taken very, very sick with "flu" and was sick for four days. He had burning fever and would not eat anything at all. I wrote for special prayers at headquarters, (The Church of God Publishing House) Cleveland, Tenn., and he was healed at once. He got up and went to the table and ate an unusually hearty supper, and then played until bedtime. He was a well child. Praise God.

Saints pray that I will ever be victorious and hold high the blood stained banner of Jesus.

Mrs. Hortense (Russell) Ivy, 9435 Burnside Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Still On Fire For God

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:  
I am thanking the good Lord tonight that about a year and nine months ago, one blessed Sunday night, He sanctified me. Bless God! Hallelujah! He also gave me the witness, which is the Holy Ghost, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance as in Acts 2:4, Glory to God. I do thank Him that I learned to trust Him for soul and body. He has wonderfully healed my body. I had fallen from a horse while it was running and my whole body was bruised. Later I was taken sick. I grew worse each day. Wife and other relatives began to be troubled but, glory to God, the saints prayed for me. I didn't want to go then so I thought on Hezekiah and prayed and wept. Glory to His name. Jesus healed me. I feel stronger than I did before. Praise God, I am still on fire! The old man is dead. The sins of the world, the Adamic nature, the carnal mind, is the enemy of God. I am sanctified by the truth. John 17:17. I also thank God for the Church of the Living God. Oh, the Church of God, I love her.

We have a band of saints in this place, twenty-three in number. We are trying hard to build a place of worship. At the present, we are worshipping in the home of our dear brother, Felix Benchy. All who read this pray that the Lord will give us victory and that our building will be ready soon.

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## Wants a Church of God in DeQuincy, La.

Dear Saints and Evangel Family—

Greetings in Jesus' Name:

May I be allowed space in the "white winged messenger" I want to praise God for the wonderful Church He built and the foundation that no other could lay, although according to the Scripture I have been abused and falsely accused, but tonight finds me fighting for her principles.

I have been branded as a "backslider" in this place because I fight so hard, not against the Church, but for the Church and her government, which I love.

I want all who read this to turn to Isa. 66:5. I am waiting to become a member of the Church of God. Pray that God will send a band of Church of God people here to preach the real Holy Ghost. We need the light on the Church here. Pray for us.

Your friend,  
P. B. Powers,  
De Quincy, La.

## Praising God for Healing

Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I want to praise our Lord for His wonderful healing power. On my return from church New Years night I found my half brother suffering intensely with neuralgia. I at once began to pray, and as I left the room, I prayed, "Lord if you will heal my brother I shall never cease to tell it." In a few moments he was very much relieved, and at midnight when the bells were ringing out the old and ringing in the new year he was fast asleep. Praise His dear name.

I also want to praise Him for healing a sister who was suffering with a dislocated or sprained knee. She came to me to pray for her healing. As we prayed she was instantly healed. She arose at once and began walking around the altar. How inadequate words are to express our gratitude, for His wonderful love and tender mercy. I can never praise Him enough for bringing me into this precious way of holiness. The experience has been such a revelation to me. I sought the blessing simply to be an overcomer. I had a temper, and prayed especially to be delivered from that, but from time to time the old man would manifest himself. One day I began to hunger and pray and not until then did the blessing come. Oh, praise God! How blessedly my Lord and I have walked together since then.

Is not this the land of Beulah,  
Blessed, blessed land of light;  
Where the flowers bloom forever,  
And the sun is always bright.

Oh, how marvelously He has sustained through the sad days of bereavement and in the dark hours of persecutions. He has never failed to keep me in perfect peace. Glory to His matchless name. Last but not least, I want to praise Him for baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:4. Oh how sweet the name sounds to me. He is the same Jesus every day.

Let all the saints proclaim His worthy praise forever.  
Your sister under the blood,  
Mary Morrison Luckey,  
Charlotte, N. C.

## Wants to be a Shining Light For Jesus

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ—Greetings in Our Dear Savior's Name:

I am praising God this evening for victory in my soul. Bless His name. I have never put in a testimony for Jesus but I love Him and I want to be a true witness for Him. We haven't been taking the dear Evangel very long, but I sure love to read it, for it makes me rejoice to see how the dear Lord is blessing His people. Praise God.

I am praising God for healing my sin sick soul, by forgiving my sins and sanctifying me with His precious blood, that He shed on Calvary. He also baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire with the Bible evidence as in Acts 2:4. Praise His name. I praise God that He added me to the dear old Church that Paul addressed his letters to. Bless the Lord. It is the only church found in the Bible the dear old Church of God, bless His holy name. I just praise the Lord for this clean highway of holiness that is persecuted every day. But, praise the Lord, without it no man shall see the Lord. We must be born again of the water and spirit and if we are born of God we must be holy as He is holy.

I want to be on the front for Jesus, and be a shining light for him. To be a child of God each day my light must shine along the way. I want all the dear saints to pray for me that I will stand faithful, so when Jesus comes I will have the seal of God on my forehead.

Your unworthy sister in Christ,  
Thelma Richardson,  
Slaton, Texas.